

**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 3700**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of: |) | |
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| Jean-Paul Parizot <i>et al.</i> , |) | Examiner: Brown, Michael A |
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| Serial No.: 10/511,377 |) | Art Unit: 3772 |
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| Filing Date: 07/11/2005 |) | Confirmation No. 8734 |
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| For: SPLINT FOR A JOINT CONNECTION |) | |
| AND METHOD FOR PRODUCTION |) | |
| OF SUCH A SPLINT |) | |
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Commissioner:

In connection with the Final Office Action mailed April 14, 2009, regarding the above-referenced application, the Applicants respectfully requests consideration of the following amendments and remarks below.